(g) Comprehensive Guidelines to Promote Communal Harmony have already been issued to all the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to expeditiously contain and control the communal violence. These guidelines contain steps to be taken with regard to prevention of communal riots, provision for relief/rehabilitation to the victims, effective utilization of Peace Committee mechanisms in defusing communal tension, restoration of normalcy in the affected areas etc.

Infiltration of Bangladeshi Nationals

†793. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangladeshi infiltrators are being infiltrated with the help of BDR jawans;

(b) if so, whether Government have registered their protest with Bangladesh Government officially;

(c) the response of Government of Bangladesh thereto;

(d) whether Government have made any efforts at political level to check infiltration; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (e) The Government is aware of illegal migration/ infiltration from Bangladesh into India. There are reasons to believe that Bangladesh Rifles facilitate illegal infiltration into India. However, there is no concrete proof to establish this fact beyond doubt. The Government of India registers protests at various forums, whenever such incidents occur. The matter was also raised by the Director General, BSF during the recent DG level Border Coordination Conference held in September, 2005. The BDR denied any illegal movement of Bangladeshi nationals into India. However, they had assured to prevent any illegal movements across the border. The problem of illegal immigration has been frequently taken up by the Government of India with the Government of Bangladesh at all levels including at the political level. It has figured in the discussions between the Prime Ministers of both the countries on various occasions.

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